

**645—179.2(17A) Purpose of board.** The purpose of the board is to administer and enforce the provisions of Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 154 and 272C with regard to the practice of optometry. The mission of the board is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by licensing qualified individuals who provide services to consumers and by fair and consistent enforcement of the statutes and rules of the licensure board. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

**179.2(1)** Licensing qualified applicants by examination, renewal, endorsement, and reciprocity.

**179.2(2)** Developing and administering a program of continuing education to ensure the continued competency of individuals licensed by the board.

**179.2(3)** Imposing discipline on licensees as provided by statute or rule.